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Proposed 50 kw radio transmitter on Okinawa

1. Lt. Col. J. I. Martin, Military Government, Ryukyu Command, APO 331, called this date to discuss a Ryukyu plan to provide "re-orientation" programs for the Ryukyans (Okinawans) under M.G. direction by moving the 50 kw radio transmitter, built and used by OWI during the war, from Saipan to Okinawa. [redacted] FBIB, were also present.

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2. Lt. Col. Martin was informed of FBIB operations and the present status of the Okinawa monitoring station, and that a transmitter of this size, operated from any place on the island of Okinawa, could reduce the reception of our monitoring station by as much as 50 per cent.

3. Lt. Col. Martin then countered with the suggestion that the station, if and when moved, be operated at a fraction of its capacity or be installed on one of the other islands, either north or south of Okinawa. Lt. Col. Martin was informed that while either or a combination of these plans would reduce the interference, this organization would require a firm request and adequate time for study before consideration could be given toward lifting FBIB objections.

4. Lt. Col. Martin, with [redacted] called on Mr. Fred Oechsner and Col. F. E. Cheatle of the State Department, where Col. Martin offered his plan, additionally requesting State Department guidance for the "reorientation" plan, if or when adopted. Mr. Oechsner agreed to consider the plan; if after preliminary study it appears feasible they will endeavor to work out an arrangement which will satisfy M.G. as well as FBIB.

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5. It is my opinion, shared by [redacted] that Lt. Col. Martin's plan does not represent a firm decision of the Ryukyu Command, but is only a plan of the moment, based on the availability of a 50 kw transmitter. Col. Martin's present TDY in Washington is in connection with budgetary and food matters, to which this plan is undoubtedly subordinate.

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